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SUBJECT: von ALBERT, Theodor (U)

An Agent Report dated 28 March 1951 revealed that SUBJECT worked for FELLNER. Maria ALBERT nee PESE, born 19 June 1925, is shown on the records of the Police Department, Hallwang, Salzburg, as being the wife of SUBJECT, residing with her husband and FELLNER at Hallwang 87.

c. SUBJECT is mentioned in D-318052 as being a net operator for Institut fuer Gegenwartsforschung (Institute for Present Day Research) in Salzburg, Austria. During January 1950, he founded the press agency, "Interreport" located in Vienna together with Ernst Peter RINDL and Dr. Herbert KOSIUS. It is known that this agency served as a cover for the collection of intelligence information destined for French and Austrian intelligence services. In January 1952, SUBJECT left this press agency allegedly because RINDL, a former Austrian Communist Party propaganda agent in Vienna, had founded Communist cells in England and Canada during World War II, and because Armand FELLNER, who later became a partner in the firm, turned out to be a French intelligence agent. FELLNER used the agency as a cover for his intelligence activities. SUBJECT became active allegedly in the intelligence field in March 1952 when he met Dr. Wilhelm KORTIL and was recruited by KORTIL for work on behalf of the IFO. SUBJECT reportedly ran a network of informants in Austria, submitting reports on the countries of southeastern Europe. In 1954, the BIV reported an allegation that SUBJECT was a double agent of the RIG and the IFO. During 1952, SUBJECT reportedly had contact with the KPO in Vienna, through Heinz BIECKERT, an editor of the National Liga publication.

g. SUBJECT is mentioned in DA-002814 as being associated with Friedrich WAHL during the summer of 1948 in Austria. Through SUBJECT, WAHL met Josef URBAN and Heinz FROELICH. Investigation revealed that while WAHL was employed by a US intelligence agency (RFE), he was also in contact with German agents and possibly KIS agents. URBAN was arrested on 1 September 1948 in Lienz, Austria, as being the leader of the neo-Nazi Austrian Underground movement. URBAN is also mentioned as being a member of a group drafting false information to sell to allied intelligence agencies. Another trace mentions that all contact with URBAN by CIC personnel is to be avoided. Heinz FROELICH is mentioned as being a member of an organization which fabricates information concerning the KPO and Soviets, and is sold to anyone who wishes to buy it.

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